KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE JOINT BUDGET MEETING WITH TOWNS OF NORFOLK, PLAINVILLE AND WRENTHAM MINUTES - Approved 6/18/18

February 13, 2018

King Philip Regional High School - Library 201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Francomano called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Members Present: Norfolk: Kenneth Dow, Michael Gee

Plainville: Patrick Francomano, Samad Khan, Charlene McEntee

Wrentham: Jim Killion, Trevor Knott, Erin DeStefano

Members Absent: Norfolk: Present

Wrentham: Jim Killion Plainville: Present

HS Student Council Representative: None

The meeting is being videotaped by Wrentham Cable. Mr. Francomano explained that the public may visit the district's website at www.kingphilip.org to review informational documents pertaining to each school committee meeting. Videotaped meetings may be viewed in their entirety at www.wrenthamcableaccess.com Mr. Francomano also explained the procedure for public comment.

DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS:

Members of the Norfolk, Plainville and Wrentham Board of Selectmen and Finance Committees from each respective town.

Dr. Zielinski, Superintendent, Mr. Azer, Director of Finance

Unfinished Business:

FY 2019 budget with collaboration with the three towns

Mr. Azer presented the proposed FY 2019 Budget as of February 13, 2018. A copy of the Power Point presentation is attached to the minutes.

Discussion ensued on Chapter 70 and Mr. Gee asked why King Philip receives less state aid than other towns. Mr. Azer indicated that the formula is 25 years old and also the affluence factor as well as the fact that we only have a middle school and a high school. KP's foundation budget is higher since we have older students.

Mr. Azer continued that for net school spending, DESE dictates a minimum requirement; KP is spending a lot less over the requirement than other groups. For administrative/per pupil expenditures, KP is much lower even though we do not share central office functions and are not part of a superintendent's union.

Mr. Matt Cavanaugh, Plainville Board of Selectmen, asked about the School Improvement Plan (SIP). He said that all goals should link to strategic plan and school improvement plan and asked if KP has a school improvement plan? Mr. Azer responded that the district does have a SIP. Mr. Francomano noted that SIP plans are done annually by the school council and updated in the spring. School Council is co-chaired by the building principal and parents.

Mr. Capparelli (Plainville): As a member of school council spoke and indicated that the school council has not met since October and the next meeting is scheduled for 2/14/18 and agenda is for SIP which has not been extensively discussed.

Mr. John Lawrence (Norfolk): Several times it has been mentioned that we have 4 separate districts for admin and referenced slide 31 (page 16) – Administrative/ per pupil expenditure. Can you reconcile how we are spending less and is there an estimate on excess admin costs? Mr. Azer responded that there is no data for excess administrative costs from elementary districts. The KP administrative costs are very lean from his experience. Mr. Francomano noted that in order for the data to have more meaning, it needs more extrapolation before any decisions are made. More drill down has to occur.

Mr. Azer continued his presentation:

- Referring to the Revolving Fund Account Balances, the cafeteria's negative balance needs to be charged back to the general fund by 6/30/18.
- SPED circuit breaker now has \$188, \$300K less than balance as of 6/30/18.
- Excess & Defiency Balances were outlined in which \$970K balance was certified as of 2018. \$300K was used for 2018, so balance now is \$600K.
- FY 2019 State Aid, the State is underfunding 51% of charter obligation, as well as underfunding regional transportation.
- Regarding Circuit Breaker reimbursements, increases are not keeping up with annual costs for special education and underfunded by \$1.2MM, since the State is not meeting its obligation.
 Funding is at 75%, but currently only funding at 65%
- The State is woefully underfunding for charter tuition and transportation reimbursements, underfunded by \$2MM

Mr. Samad Khan asked when we get the reimbursement from the State, does it include all transportation expenses? Mr. Azer stated that the State only reimburses for regular education. Special education and homeless students' transportation are not eligible for reimbursement.

Mr. Jerry McGovern, Wrentham Board of Selectman introduced all selectmen and town administrators from Wrentham, Plainville and Norfolk.

Mr. McGovern indicated that the three towns met in Sept/October 2018 and met with KP in November. The February meeting town was a follow-up for input based upon the public hearing, confirm current planning numbers and identify next steps. The initial projection was for 3% on assessments or \$697K. The towns do not understand the fluctuations from year to year.

As for a resolution, Mr. McGovern feels we are in a much better place this year than last year.

Next Steps were discussed:

1. Methods to close the gap

- 2. MLC impact
- 3. Prioritization of needs
- 4. Town inputs

Discussion ensued on clarification of employee/employer benefit of health insurance. Mr. Azer responded that at King Philip KP pays 75% of the premium for the PPO plans, and then applies that same dollar amount to the HMO plans, which for the current year is approximately 86%

Mr. Jack Hathaway, Norfolk Town Administrator indicated that Norfolk has \$1MM new revenue in the budget. \$721K for King Philip, leaves less for the other departments within the towns.

Mr. Joe Stewart (Wrentham): Said that he has been at the town meeting for over 20 years and the indication is that the towns do not have the funds. Essentially, the towns have underfunded the King Philip district. Data is very accessible and what the data shows is that KP has been funded at second to last year after year after year. The data is clear – 8 years ago SAT has had no change in scores. If you look at the other districts with increased funding, the outcome is consistently increases in SAT scores. If your child is lucky enough to go to a district with steady increases, SAT scores are on an average of 200 higher score. If you want higher SAT scores, we need to increase the funding to KP. Mr. Stewart noted that he feels we need to increase taxes.

Mr. Jeff DeBarris (Wrentham): The reason we are not receiving aid, is that we are spending over the minimum.

Mr. Joe Botash (Wrentham Selectman): Response to potential tax increases. In the past, a debt exclusion vote was defeated. He noted the towns need to find creative ways to find revenue. Good schools make great home values. He does not want to put the burden on the other towns' people.

Ms. Tracy Malloy (Norfolk): Do the casino and outlets help to fund the schools? Mr. Joe Botash noted that increased revenue is received into the general fund. We need to work together to get to resolution.

Mr. Cavanaugh: In terms of where we can find more money, Plainville uses 100% of free cash to balance the operating budget. Yet, KP as a district, is using half of what is available for E&D. Mr. Francomano noted that the towns have stabilization funds and KP does not have stabilization fund; in case of a major emergency, KP does not have stabilization funds. Discussion ensued regarding the spending of E&D and that there are conflicting opinions and guidance on spending of E&D among various town stakeholders. Discussion ensued on how can KP can advocate for cautious policy and then ask all constituent towns to use all their free cash? Mr. Francomano noted that KP is not asking anyone to spend anything. The message from all three towns was for KP not to use all its E&D, and KP responded to this message.

Mr. McGovern: The question is what is the philosophy of free cash? Free cash in Wrentham comes in about 5% of the budget. Stabilization drives bond ratings

Mr. Jim Lehan, Norfolk Selectman: There are three different towns in different economic scenarios. Stabilization at \$1.7MM which makes a difference in bond ratings. Mr. Lehan indicated that the towns have to come to terms with how we can manage this better. How do we support the system better than what we are doing?

Mr. John Lawrence (Norfolk): He feels we do not have KP expense issue, but proposition 2.5 went into effect in 1982. Prior to rise of health care and SPED costs (double over the last 10 years) – healthcare and SPED comes up to \$1MM. Prop 2.5 will never support the rise increases in health care and SPED.

Ms. Julie Redlitz (Norfolk): She fears we will leave this meeting with the prevailing idea that the towns do not have the funding. KP is in a tough place. KP is underfunded, with not enough money to make any improvements let alone level fund. Course selections are minimal for 9th graders and students fall into mandatory studies. There is a major crisis in Spanish and possibly cutting the class mid- year. All this points back to funding. KP only offers two years of Latin due to funding constraints. We cannot continue to go on like this and are asking the towns to come up with creative solutions to get level services. She would like the 4 districts to pursue the idea of shared services, etc. One head for special education K-12 would possibly result in efficiencies and save money. Need to look for efficiencies in SPED. Start the data review now for future potential savings.

Next steps were discussed. The FY19 budget vote on the budget is March 19th. Before March 19th, the three towns need to digest the MLC assessments. Long term, CWG may assist. Research the gap in what state owes us in regional transportation \$250K/year. Power to get together with other districts to lobby to the State for correct funding – MASC, MASS. Is there some way to make this joint group louder? Can the CWG inform the rep to put together a lobbying effort? Perhaps a Circuit breaker underfunding lobbying effort. Look for trends in the past 5 years

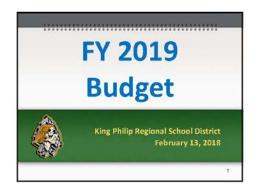
Mr. Joe Stewart would like to start the effort towards a superintendent union and have all 4 superintendents meet to discuss.

Mr. Jim Lehan: Look at refining the budget as best KP you can to look at level services. Get together after the budget is being refined and the town budgets.

At 9:28pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Khan, seconded by Mrs. DeStefano, to adjourn. All in favor by roll call vote. Yes (8); No (0). Motion carried.

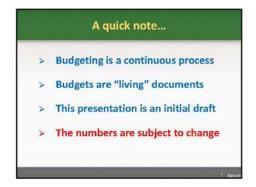
Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wolf Recording Secretary

















Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Parent & Community Engagement Professional Culture Management & Operations



Professional practices to enhance teaching & learning Support engagement of students, families & community Safety, health & social/emotional needs Cohesive, scaffolded curriculum between HS & MS





High School Accomplishments

- Seven straight years on AP District Honor Roll
- #381 in Newsweek's ranking of American public high schools
- #106 (of 331) for Best College Prep public high schools in MA
- #19 as "Best Bang for Your Buck" of public high schools in MA
- . Football state champions in 2016 and 2017
- . Softball state champions in 2017
- Marching Band national champion in 2016-17

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High School Accomplishments

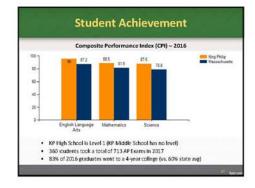
- . Offer 18 advanced placement courses
- . One of only 35 schools to offer AP capstone program
- \$108,000 in scholarships awarded to Class of 2017
- Jaron May elected International President of National DECA
- Brett Mazur received congressional appointment to West Point
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- Jillian Heasley was winner in National Merit Scholarship Program
- Sierra Corso won Boston Globe Scholastic Art Scholarship
 - Students won 3 gold medals, 4 silver medals and 4 honorable mentions

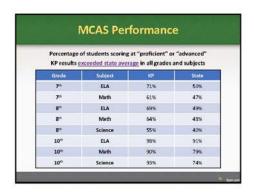
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Middle School Accomplishments

- . CAS Paul Smith Hall of Fame recipient, state music education
- Sean Lucente & Maya Evens finished in Top 10 in State Cross-Country Invitational
- Top 15% of schools as recognized by New England Math League
 - Top math school in Norfolk County
- · Gold medals in MIT Science Challenge, 2012-2016
- Student Council Top 5 Project Award for Thanksgiving Food Drive
- More than \$100k donated to St. Jude's Cancer Research from annual Math-a-Thon over the past decade

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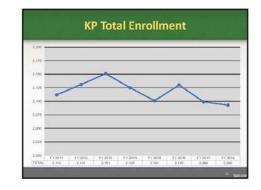


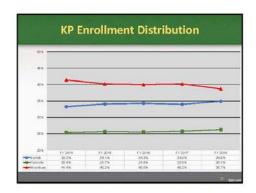


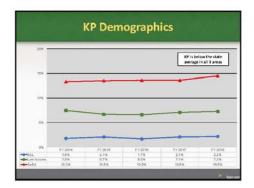




Current Grade	Norfolk	Plainville	Wrentham	TOTALS
6th	122	108	156	386
711	113	97	140	350
8 th	127	105	167	400
gib	117	70	127	314
10 th	135	87	120	342
11"	108	90	130	328
12 th	131	101	127	359
KP Totals (7-12)	731	551	811	2,093
% of TOTAL	34.9%	26.3%	38.7%	

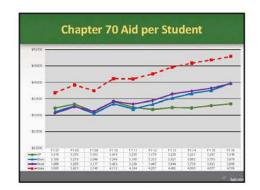


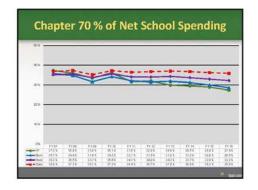


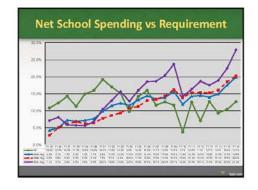


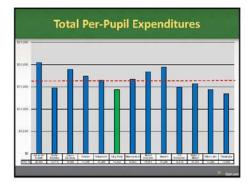


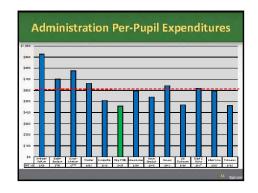


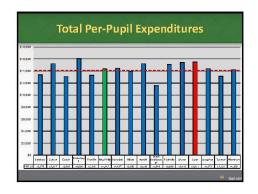


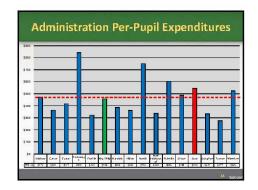


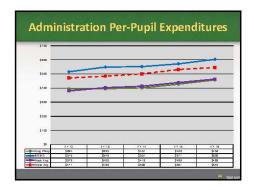




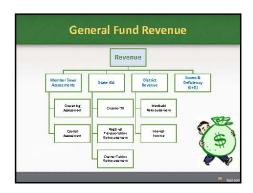




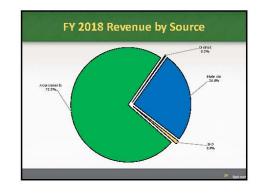




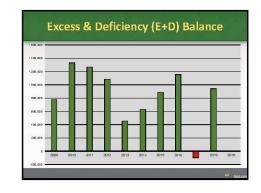


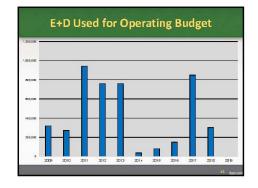


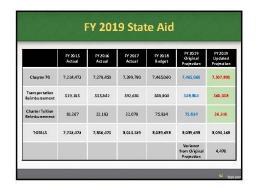
	FY 2017 Revenue	FY 2017 Expenses	Fund Balance 6/30/17
Federal & State Grants	448,980	523,469	[42,001]
Athletics	343,851	276,750	172,102
Musk	120,135	85,085	9,146
DECA	68,218	58,797	16,392
SAT Prep	22,334	16,246	5,170
Facility Rentals	202,662	131,657	113,786
Food Services	572,119	645,574	[141,453]
SpEd Circuit Breaker	1,111,498	1,275,119	488,928

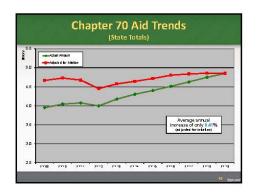


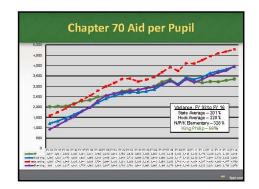
	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Budget	FY2019 Projected
Medicald Reimbursement	41,067	57,349	71,009	72,107	72,107
Interest Income	4,729	9,476	4514	2,000	2,000
Other Revenue	15,159	117,981	12,041	-0-	-0-
TOTALS	60,953	184,801	87,564	74,107	74,107

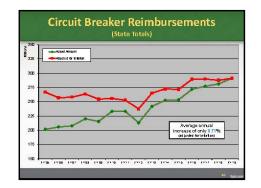


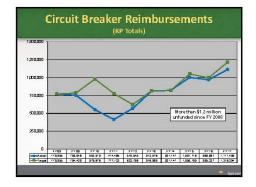


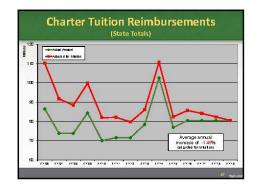


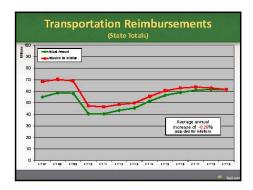


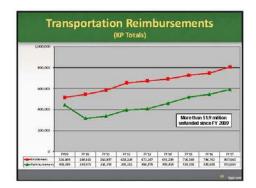




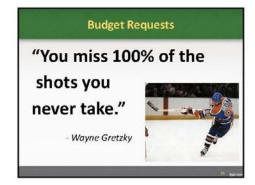














1. Restore ELA teacher - \$65,000

> Minnoved from FY 2018 Budget

2. Teaming - cost TBD

> Create appartunity for teams of teachers to enhance curriculum condinatoric coordinates student assignments, discuss prend contads and incolverance; and contact with other building resource./bill

3. Restore Unified Arts / STEM teacher - \$65,000

> Minnoved from FY 2018 Budget

Other Budget Needs

1. Phone system replacement - \$70,000

> Replace outdated oxisting systems in both buildings for safety reasons

2. Facilities Manager - \$75,000

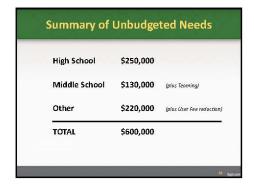
> As called for in 2014 MASD Operational Review, to more closely oversee custodians and grounds staff, as well as facility rentals and maintenance.

3. Capital Plan Facilities Audit - \$75,000

> Comply with district strategip plan to create 3-30 year facility improvement plan and provide bluesprint to prioritize future needs.

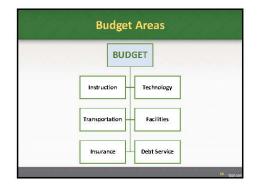
4. Reduce User Fees - cost TBD

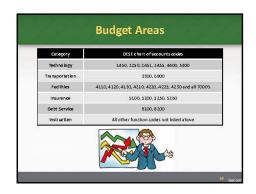
> Alleviate burden on families currently playing some of the highest fees for sports, music and other activities when compared to other districts.



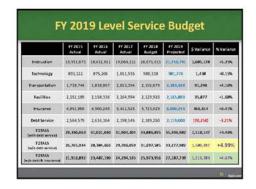


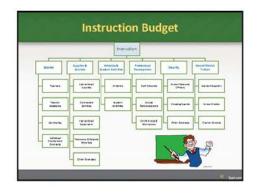


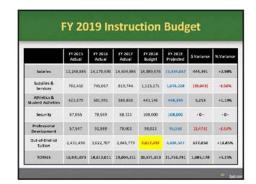


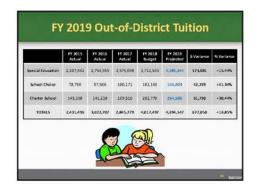




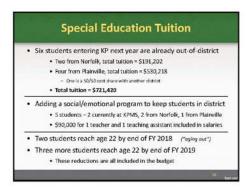




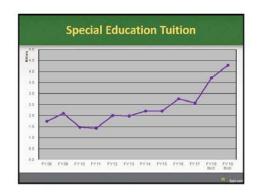


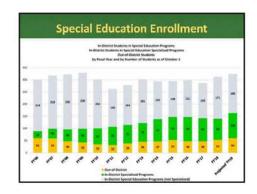


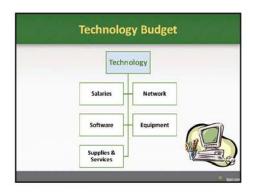


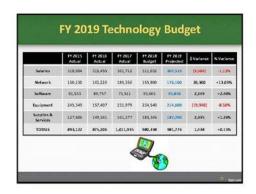


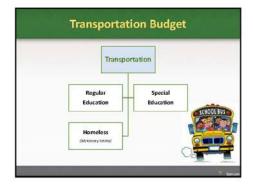


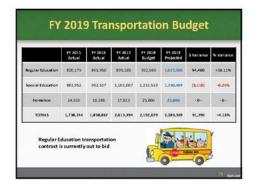






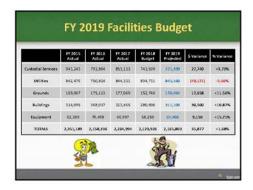




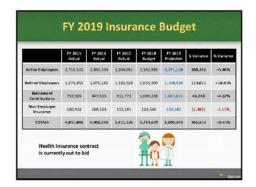


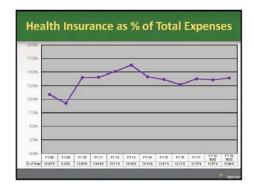






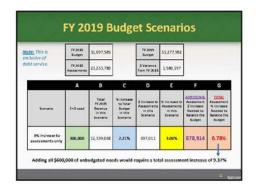


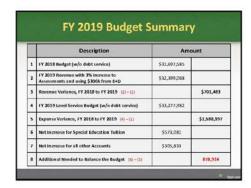




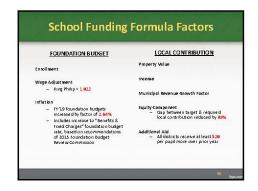






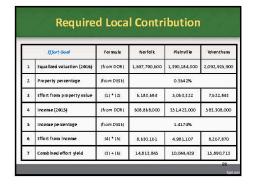


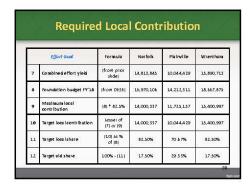


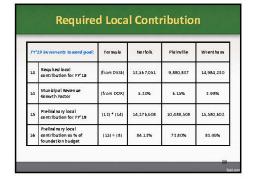


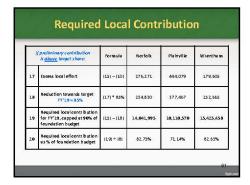


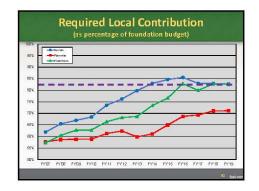




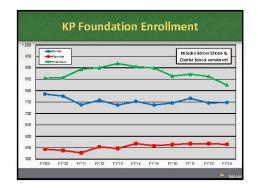








	apportionment of required local contribution among community districts:	Formula	Norfolk	Plainville	Wrentham
26	Total required local contribution for FY'19	19	14,041,995	10,110,570	15,425,45
27	Total foundation en rollment (indudes school choice & charter school students)	Ifrom DESEI	1,690	1,855	1,831
28	Total foundation budget	181	15,970,106	14,212,311	18,667,875



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	King Philip:	Formula	Norfo lk	Plainville	Wrentham
30	Foundation enrollment (includes school choice & charter school students)	[from DESE]	748	565	824
31	Foundation budget	28 * 32	7,599,845	5,816,060	8,482,182
32	Share of community's total foundation budget	51 + 28	45.37%	40.92%	45.44%
33	Required local	[26] * [32]	6,371,274	4,137,517	7,008,915

